MISSOURI AREA LABOR TRENDS

MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS - DIVISION OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY

INCLUDES CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES FOR ALL AREAS PLUS LABOR MARKET REVIEWS FOR THE STATE, AND THE ST. LOUIS, KANSAS CITY, AND SPRINGFIELD SMSA'S

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MISSOURI LABOR MARKET REVIEW

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DATA MONTH: OCTOBER, 1984

Missouri unemployment dropped further in October, the month which usually marks the beginning of several months of seasonal increases. The number of jobless Missourians decreased by 2400 to 138,800, and the unemployment rate edged down by a tenth of a point to 5.9 percent. Total employment also slipped back a little, but by less than the seasonally expected amount. About 2,227,500 Missourians were employed in October, some 4200 fewer than in October. When seasonal factors are taken into account, it appears that some improvement occurred in October, after a few months of relative stability. Comparison to year-earlier data continue to show marked improvement. Total employment is up by more than 60,000 over the period; since the labor force grew by only 6700, most of the increase was translated directly into a drop in unemployment, which is down by nearly 54,000. The unemployment rate fell by 2.3 percentage points from October 1983's rate of 8.2 percent.

Nonagricultural wage and salary employment edged up by 1300 in October, primarily on the strength of a greater-than-normal increase in state and local government. Altogether, there were about 1,977,100 nonfarm payroll jobs in the state in October, compared to 1,975,800 in September. The largest increase over the month was in state and local government, where employment was up by 8200 jobs. Although part of this is seasonal, with the fall term in the schools fully underway, this sector also showed an over-the-year gain of 6200 jobs. Several industry groups showed seasonal decreases; retail trade was down by 2800 jobs, services by

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STATEWIDE EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT
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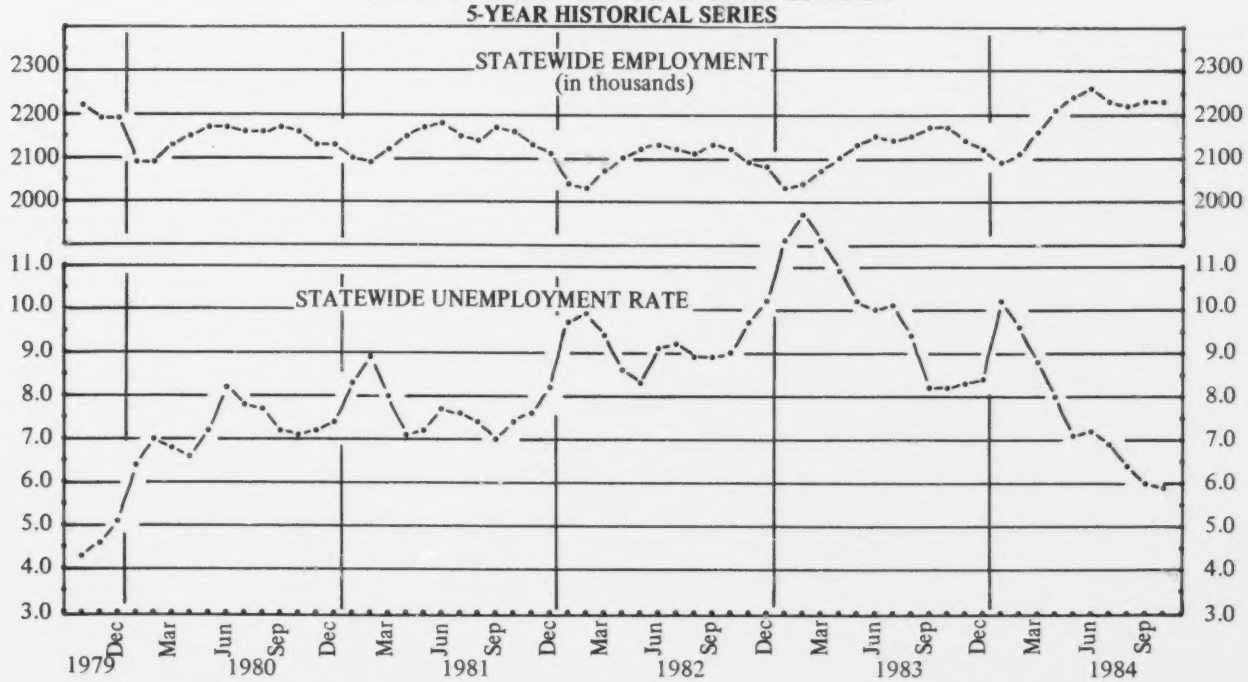

TABLE 1
MISSOURI DIVISION OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE, EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT RATES - ESTIMATES

COUNTY/LABOR MARKET AREA	CURRENT MONTH - OCT 1984 (PRELIMINARY)				PREVIOUS MONTH - SEP 1984 (REVISED)				ONE YEAR AGO - OCT 1983 (BENCHMARKED 1983)			
	CLF	EMP	UNEMP	RATE	CLF	EMP	UNEMP	RATE	CLF	EMP	UNEMP	RATE
STATEWIDE	2366297	2227546	138751	5.9	2372893	2231704	141189	6.0	2359590	2166858	192732	8.2
ST. LOUIS SMSA	1151541	1070414	81127	7.0	1153447	1071311	82136	7.1	1144349	1040590	103759	9.1
KANSAS CITY SMSA	692388	659071	33317	4.8	691455	658371	33084	4.8	688056	642623	45433	6.6
SPRINGFIELD SMSA	115961	110710	5251	4.5	115776	110391	5385	4.7	114636	107371	7265	6.3
COLUMBIA SMSA	60142	58191	1951	3.2	59817	57754	2063	3.4	56454	54154	2300	4.1
JOPLIN SMSA	58461	55271	3190	5.5	58291	54948	3343	5.7	57787	52708	5079	8.8
ST. JOSEPH SMSA	45052	41618	3434	7.6	45171	41558	3613	8.0	45574	41584	3990	8.8
ADAIR/SCHUYLER LMA	16104	15363	741	4.6	15800	15050	750	4.7	16670	15769	901	5.4
ATCHISON	4278	4035	243	5.7	4444	4151	293	6.6	5417	5194	223	4.1
AUDRAIN	11335	10648	687	6.1	11250	10595	655	5.8	10973	10155	818	7.5
BARRY	11443	10921	522	4.6	11562	11016	546	4.7	11565	10662	903	7.8
BARTON	5124	4956	168	3.3	5095	4965	130	2.6	5107	4832	275	5.4
BATES	7741	7382	359	4.6	7783	7453	330	4.2	7812	7196	616	7.9
BENTON	5576	5273	303	5.4	5579	5263	316	5.7	5366	4896	470	8.8
BOLLINGER	3131	2760	371	11.8	3119	2762	357	11.4	3136	2695	441	14.1
BUTLER	16806	15475	1331	7.9	16781	15507	1274	7.6	15814	14013	1801	11.4
CALDWELL	3729	3520	209	5.6	3769	3598	171	4.5	3747	3508	239	6.4
CALLAWAY	18596	17439	1157	6.2	18660	17409	1251	6.7	20744	19391	1353	6.5
CAMDEN	12912	12230	682	5.3	13854	13223	631	4.6	11531	10694	837	7.3
CAPE GIRARDEAU	31426	30037	1389	4.4	31176	29698	1478	4.7	31320	29228	2092	6.7
CARROLL	4723	4442	281	5.9	4724	4482	242	5.1	4702	4352	350	7.4
CARTER	2651	2380	271	10.2	2686	2391	295	11.0	2753	2476	277	10.1
CEDAR	4499	4231	268	6.0	4502	4222	280	6.2	4459	4109	350	7.8
CHARITON	5205	4858	347	6.7	5149	4840	309	6.0	4974	4566	408	8.2
CLARK	3411	3109	302	8.9	3338	3150	188	5.6	3446	3092	354	10.3
CLINTON	7318	6933	385	5.3	7484	7133	351	4.7	7334	6857	477	6.5
COLE/OSAGE LMA	36924	34736	2188	5.9	37043	34816	2227	6.0	36250	33763	2487	6.9
COOPER	7043	6681	362	5.1	7164	6834	330	4.6	7293	6883	410	5.6
CRAWFORD	7349	6865	484	6.6	7446	6940	506	6.8	7123	6444	679	9.5
DADE	3881	3770	111	2.9	3944	3822	122	3.1	3848	3667	181	4.7
DALLAS	4723	4471	252	5.3	4738	4455	283	6.0	4701	4287	414	8.8
DAVIESS	3162	2985	177	5.6	3144	2989	155	4.9	3072	2735	337	11.0
DEKALB	3453	3282	171	5.0	3408	3253	155	4.5	3331	3127	204	6.1
DENT	6043	5493	550	9.1	5928	5360	568	9.6	6067	5314	753	12.4
DOUGLAS	4643	4118	525	11.3	4664	4202	462	9.9	4580	4147	433	9.5
DUNKLIN	13260	12009	1251	9.4	13521	12373	1148	8.5	13328	11605	1723	12.9
GASCONADE	7107	6749	358	5.0	7204	6756	448	6.2	6920	6487	433	6.3
GENTRY	4079	3965	114	2.8	4020	3888	132	3.3	4191	3908	283	6.8
GRUNDY	5317	4933	384	7.2	5192	4923	269	5.2	5369	4878	491	9.1
HARRISON	5182	4976	206	4.0	5218	5007	211	4.0	5095	4741	354	6.9
HENRY	9742	9243	499	5.1	9801	9382	419	4.3	9385	8606	779	8.3
HICKORY	2509	2363	146	5.8	2542	2405	137	5.4	2318	2108	210	9.1
HOLT	3496	3379	117	3.3	3619	3468	151	4.2	3418	3303	115	3.4
HOWARD	4645	4449	196	4.2	4620	4432	188	4.1	4676	4426	250	5.3
HOWELL	13111	12160	951	7.3	13241	12095	1146	8.7	13373	12151	1222	9.1
IRON	4403	3666	737	16.7	4438	3631	807	18.2	4588	3984	604	13.2
JOHNSON	16951	16326	625	3.7	16163	15645	518	3.2	16153	15304	849	5.3
KNOX	2455	2311	144	5.9	2445	2282	163	6.7	2607	2386	221	8.5
LACLEDE	11293	10300	993	8.8	11140	10388	752	6.8	11290	10484	806	7.1
LAFAYETTE	14558	13876	682	4.7	14672	13996	676	4.6	14420	13477	943	6.5
LAWRENCE	12128	11444	684	5.6	12239	11514	725	5.9	11802	10749	1053	8.9

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LEWIS	5565	5174	391	7.0	5567	5172	395	7.1	5397	4733	664	12.3
LINCOLN	10505	9873	632	6.0	10334	9645	689	6.7	10280	9385	895	8.7
LINN	7705	7012	693	9.0	7685	7091	594	7.7	8169	7074	1095	13.4
LIVINGSTON	6802	6374	428	6.3	6728	6298	430	6.4	6901	6345	556	8.1
MACON	7148	6778	370	5.2	7087	6681	406	5.7	7017	6468	549	7.8
MADISON	3744	3391	353	9.4	3689	3354	335	9.1	4042	3601	441	10.9
MARIES	2618	2392	226	8.6	2577	2302	275	10.7	2694	2428	266	9.9
MARION/RALLS LMA	18203	17099	1104	6.1	18424	17163	1261	6.8	18765	16956	1809	9.6
MCDONALD	5631	5252	379	6.7	5844	5477	367	6.3	5751	5210	541	9.4
MERCER	1866	1778	88	4.7	1902	1839	63	3.3	1953	1834	119	6.1
MILLER	10277	9476	801	7.8	10816	10107	709	6.6	10174	9189	985	9.7
MISSISSIPPI	6386	5816	570	8.9	6643	6033	610	9.2	6605	5789	816	12.4
MONITEAU	4887	4496	391	8.0	4917	4532	385	7.8	4927	4556	371	7.5
MONROE	4695	4480	215	4.6	4949	4744	205	4.1	4628	4386	242	5.2
MONTGOMERY	5263	4940	323	6.1	5226	4935	291	5.6	5355	4920	435	8.1
MORGAN	5759	5222	537	9.3	6122	5657	465	7.6	5528	4962	566	10.2
NEW MADRID	11486	10738	748	6.5	11822	11039	783	6.6	11213	10318	895	8.0
NODAWAY	10978	10543	435	4.0	10525	10217	308	2.9	10832	10326	506	4.7
OREGON	3117	2812	305	9.8	3116	2825	291	9.3	3015	2699	316	10.5
OZARK	4270	3999	271	6.3	4476	4181	295	6.6	3948	3652	296	7.5
PEMISCOT	8197	7469	728	8.9	8535	7688	847	9.9	8413	7320	1093	13.0
PERRY	7118	6651	467	6.6	7140	6739	401	5.6	7034	6541	493	7.0
PETTIS	16490	15482	1008	6.1	16822	15732	1090	6.5	16086	14662	1424	8.9
PHELPS	15775	14883	892	5.7	15636	14770	866	5.5	15535	14330	1205	7.8
PIKE	7084	6508	576	8.1	7143	6515	628	8.8	7203	6506	697	9.7
POLK	8728	8335	393	4.5	8713	8248	465	5.3	8511	7982	529	6.2
PULASKI	8788	8159	629	7.2	8874	8298	576	6.5	8893	8048	845	9.5
PUTNAM	3054	2927	127	4.2	3058	2915	143	4.7	3133	2935	198	6.3
RANDOLPH	11456	10869	587	5.1	11358	10775	583	5.1	11599	10608	991	8.5
REYNOLDS	2236	1980	256	11.4	2351	2064	287	12.2	2702	2148	554	20.5
RIPLEY	3234	2970	264	8.2	3239	2933	306	9.4	3416	2908	508	14.9
SALINE	13777	13166	611	4.4	13732	13106	626	4.6	14051	13212	839	6.0
SCOTLAND	2503	2395	108	4.3	2462	2361	101	4.1	2553	2395	158	6.2
SCOTT	17080	15685	1395	8.2	17422	16087	1335	7.7	17772	15874	1898	10.7
SHANNON	3095	2755	340	11.0	3092	2757	335	10.8	3123	2571	552	17.7
SHELBY	3363	3219	144	4.3	3381	3244	137	4.1	3358	3181	177	5.3
ST. CLAIR	3803	3645	158	4.2	3916	3732	184	4.7	3879	3588	291	7.5
ST. FRANCOIS	19404	17709	1695	8.7	20288	18454	1834	9.0	19638	17469	2169	11.0
STE. GENEVIEVE	5567	5192	375	6.7	5673	5301	372	6.6	5767	5357	410	7.1
STODDARD	12594	11633	961	7.6	12633	11591	1042	8.2	12498	11141	1357	10.9
STONE	8324	7801	523	6.3	8507	8014	493	5.8	7623	6942	681	8.9
SULLIVAN	3480	3307	173	5.0	3497	3333	164	4.7	3470	3260	210	6.1
TANEY	15726	15060	666	4.2	16243	15581	662	4.1	13960	13154	806	5.8
TEXAS	8042	6861	1181	14.7	7905	6949	956	12.1	7838	6905	933	11.9
VERNON	9503	9077	426	4.5	9454	9066	388	4.1	9784	9207	577	5.9
WARREN	6515	6100	415	6.4	6451	6050	401	6.2	6076	5537	539	8.9
WASHINGTON	4411	3730	681	15.4	4540	3790	750	16.5	4518	3581	937	20.7
WAYNE	4252	3767	485	11.4	4237	3756	481	11.4	4003	3422	581	14.5
WEBSTER	7775	7185	590	7.6	7725	7178	547	7.1	7764	6975	789	10.2
WORTH	1148	1096	52	4.5	1173	1123	50	4.3	1199	1064	135	11.3
WRIGHT	7383	6805	578	7.8	7543	6889	654	8.7	7371	6719	652	8.8

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TABLE 2. NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT, HOURS AND EARNINGS
MISSOURI (STATEWIDE)
OCTOBER, 1984

INDUSTRY TITLE	ALL EMPLOYEES (In Thousands)			PRODUCTION WORKERS								
				Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago
Total Non-Agri. Employment	1977.1	1975.8	1946.3									
Total Manufacturing	421.3	421.1	409.5	381.38	381.38	366.79	40.4	40.4	40.8	9.44	9.44	8.99
Durable Goods	240.1	240.1	228.9	419.61	418.78	408.10	41.3	41.3	41.6	10.16	10.14	9.81
Lumber & Wood Products	9.7	9.6	9.1	238.51	240.34	223.10	39.1	39.4	38.4	6.10	6.10	5.81
Furniture & Fixtures	9.2	9.1	8.9	334.33	333.96	301.56	44.4	44.0	42.0	7.53	7.59	7.18
Stone, Clay & Glass Prod.	10.5	10.8	11.0	420.86	413.70	403.27	41.1	40.4	40.9	10.24	10.24	9.86
Cement, Hydraulic	1.0	1.0	1.2	621.19	621.19	562.38	42.9	42.9	40.9	14.48	14.48	13.75
Structural Clay Prod.	2.2	2.3	2.3	451.95	457.20	411.31	39.3	40.0	37.7	11.50	11.43	10.91
Other Stone, Clay & Glass Prod.	7.3	7.5	7.5	385.63	376.27	379.54	41.2	40.2	41.8	9.36	9.36	9.08
Primary Metal Industries	13.4	13.6	12.9	409.19	415.94	441.60	38.1	38.3	40.0	10.74	10.86	11.04
Iron & Steel Foundries	2.1	2.1	1.7	333.20	344.40	343.20	39.2	40.0	39.0	8.50	8.61	8.80
Non-Ferrous Foundries	2.7	2.7	2.5	337.64	347.71	311.66	42.1	42.3	39.5	8.02	8.22	7.89
Other Primary Metals	8.6	8.8	8.7	458.29	461.19	515.57	36.2	36.4	40.5	12.66	12.67	12.73
Fabricated Metal Products	28.8	28.8	27.9	377.06	378.10	394.59	40.5	40.7	41.8	9.31	9.29	9.44
Fabricated Structural Metal Prod.	9.9	10.0	9.8	349.67	356.00	367.03	39.6	40.0	40.2	8.83	8.90	9.13
Other Fabricated Metal Prod.	18.9	18.8	18.1									
Machinery Exc. Electrical	30.7	30.8	30.4	401.39	398.40	395.76	40.3	40.0	40.8	9.96	9.96	9.70
Electrical & Electronic Equip.	49.5	49.3	45.7	365.11	375.99	374.40	39.6	41.5	41.6	9.22	9.06	9.00
Transportation Equipment	69.5	69.3	64.4	581.46	565.49	537.03	44.9	43.2	43.1	12.95	13.09	12.46
Motor Vehicles & Equip.	30.9	30.7	26.3	611.12	586.49	557.66	47.3	44.6	44.9	12.92	13.15	12.42
Other Transportation Equip.	38.6	38.6	38.1	526.50	529.58	503.30	40.5	40.8	40.2	13.00	12.98	12.52
Instruments & Related Prod.	11.8	11.8	11.8	322.39	321.60	327.67	40.4	40.2	43.4	7.98	8.00	7.55
Misc. Mfg. Inds.	7.0	7.0	6.8	266.76	263.84	252.97	39.0	38.8	39.9	6.84	6.80	6.34
Nondurable Goods	181.2	181.0	180.6	333.26	334.44	316.01	39.3	39.3	39.8	8.48	8.51	7.94
Food & Kindred Products	45.3	45.2	45.4	398.24	394.69	375.70	41.7	40.9	42.5	9.55	9.65	8.84
Meat Products & Preserved Fruits and Vegetables	12.1	12.0	11.8	296.65	277.38	296.86	42.5	39.4	43.4	6.98	7.04	6.84
Dairy Products	6.3	6.4	6.3	380.52	381.43	364.97	42.0	42.1	41.1	9.06	9.06	8.88
Grain Mill Products	7.0	6.8	7.4	434.58	452.32	428.26	42.9	44.0	43.7	10.13	10.28	9.80
Bakery Products	5.7	5.7	5.8	390.78	383.67	377.26	38.5	37.8	38.3	10.15	10.15	9.85
Beverages	10.2	10.3	10.0	596.04	600.06	467.74	40.3	41.1	41.8	14.79	14.60	11.19

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	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago
Other Food & Kindred Prod.	4.0	4.0	4.1	401.99	400.44	402.74	41.7	41.8	44.6	9.64	9.58	9.03
Textile & Apparel	25.2	25.5	26.2	192.42	194.55	179.05	35.9	36.5	34.7	5.36	5.33	5.16
Paper & Allied Products	12.9	12.9	12.6	372.11	374.01	355.63	41.3	41.1	41.4	9.01	9.10	8.59
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	6.6	6.6	6.3	366.87	375.55	369.70	40.9	40.6	42.3	8.97	9.25	8.74
Other Paper & Allied Products	6.3	6.3	6.3	376.97	372.74	341.01	41.7	41.6	40.5	9.04	8.96	8.42
Printing & Publishing	38.2	38.2	36.8	379.44	382.79	353.23	38.6	39.1	37.9	9.83	9.79	9.32
Commercial Printing	12.8	12.7	12.1	447.17	462.09	405.33	41.1	42.2	39.2	10.88	10.95	10.34
Other Printing & Publishing	25.4	25.5	24.7	313.49	307.34	308.75	36.2	36.2	36.8	8.66	8.49	8.39
Chemicals & Allied Products	28.1	28.1	27.4	471.84	475.25	423.15	42.7	42.7	42.4	11.05	11.13	9.98
Leather & Leather Products	18.4	17.9	19.2	183.38	182.13	194.62	34.6	34.3	37.0	5.30	5.31	5.26
Footwear Exc. Rubber	14.7	14.3	14.8	178.68	175.54	189.95	34.1	33.5	36.6	5.24	5.24	5.19
Other Leather & Leather Prod.	3.7	3.6	4.4	204.06	209.81	210.82	36.9	37.6	38.4	5.53	5.58	5.49
Other Nondurable Goods	13.1	13.2	13.0	300.29	300.98	294.11	40.2	40.4	40.4	7.47	7.45	7.28
Total Nonmanufacturing	1555.8	1554.7	1536.8									
Mining	5.9	6.0	6.6									
Construction	80.8	81.9	80.1									
Transportation & Public Util.	137.1	136.8	133.0									
Railroad Transportation	13.4	13.4	13.3									
Transportation (Exc. R.R.)	66.8	66.5	66.8									
Communication, Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	56.9	56.9	52.9									
Wholesale & Retail Trade	463.7	466.9	458.6									
Wholesale Trade	126.1	126.5	125.4									
Retail Trade	337.6	340.4	333.2									
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	109.4	109.9	109.6									
Services	416.3	418.6	413.8									
Government	342.5	334.5	335.1									
Federal Government	69.5	69.7	68.2									
State & Local Government	273.1	264.9	266.9									

Prepared by the Missouri Division of Employment Security in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. Estimates are based on monthly reports from cooperating establishments.

Data cover employees who worked or received pay for the payroll period which includes the 12th of the month. The data exclude the self-employed, volunteers or unpaid family workers, and domestic workers. Payroll and hours data cover production and related workers in manufacturing.

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2300 jobs, and construction by 1100 jobs. Most other industries showed little change from September.

Compared to October 1983, most industries showed healthy gains, with a total increase of payroll employment of 30,800 jobs. Motor vehicles and equipment manufacturing was up by 4600 jobs in the year, while the other durable goods industries grew by a total of 6600 jobs. Besides state and local government, other nonmanufacturing industries experiencing substantial over-the-year growth included retail trade (4400 jobs), and transportation and public utilities (4100 jobs).

The factory workweek was unchanged in October at 40.4 hours. An increase of 2.7 hours in the automobile industry, to 47.3 hours, helped offset smaller decreases in electrical and electronic equipment (0.9 hours to 39.6) and various other industries. Average hourly and weekly earnings were also unchanged at $9.44 and $381.38, respectively. An increase in hourly earnings of 45 cents from October 1983 offset a drop in the workweek of 0.4 hours, leading to a 4 percent increase in average weekly earnings during the year.

NATIONAL ECONOMIC AND LABOR MARKET CONDITIONS

National labor market conditions seemed to have bounced back somewhat in October, with total civilian employment increasing by 350,000 and nonfarm payroll employment growing by 440,000, on a seasonally adjusted basis. Most industry groups showed gains in October, with the nonmanufacturing industries leading the way; this was in contrast to September, when fewer than half the industries reported employment gains. Seasonally adjusted unemployment remained unchanged at 7.3 percent of the civilian labor force.

As previously reported, the economy showed relatively little growth in the second quarter. The index of leading economic indicators dropped again in October; in September, the index had bounced back following three months of declines. This appears to portend further sluggishness in the economy, and a growing number of analysts are expecting relatively slow growth in the current quarter. The first part of next year remains the big question mark. Most forecasters expect moderate growth, with recent drops in interest rates spurring some new growth, but some analysts are now expecting a prolonged lull and a few even a downturn.

OUTLOOK

With growth apparently continuing at a slow rate in the current quarter and labor market indicators remaining relatively stable, seasonal changes are expected to dominate Missouri labor market conditions in the next few months. Developments thereafter may depend on whether the economy continues at the same pace or dips after the Christmas rush. Short-term phenomena, such as weather conditions, may dominate individual monthly changes in the winter months, with any longer-term conditions coming to the fore in the spring.

TABLE 3. SELECTED ECONOMIC STATISTICS RELATED TO MANPOWER DEVELOPMENTS
MISSOURI – OCTOBER, 1984

Item	Current Mo. (Preliminary)	1 Mo. Ago (Revised)	1 Yr. Ago (Revised)	Net Change To Current Month From: 1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
Total Civilian Labor Force (No. of Workers)	2,366,300	2,372,900	2,359,600	-6,600	6,700
Total Employed	2,227,500	2,231,700	2,166,900	-4,200	60,600
Total Unemployed	138,800	141,200	192,700	-2,400	-53,900
Unemployment Rate (% of CLF)	5.9	6.0	8.2	-0.1	-2.3
Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment Except Domestics (No. of Jobs)	1,977,100	1,975,800	1,946,300	1,300	30,800
Manufacturing	421,300	421,100	409,500	200	11,800
Durable Goods	240,100	240,100	228,900	0	11,200
Nondurable Goods	181,200	181,000	180,600	200	600
Nonmanufacturing	1,555,800	1,554,700	1,536,800	1,100	19,000
State Initial Claims (Wkly. Avg.)	7,997	5,676	7,212	2,321	785
State Insured Unemployment (Wkly. Avg.)	34,252	32,172	39,277	2,080	-5,025
Insured Unemployment Rate	2.1	1.9	2.7	0.2	-0.6
Exhaustions (State U.I.)	3,300	2,913	4,438	387	-1,138
Amount of Benefits Paid	$11,070,303	$10,160,269	$12,030,059	$910,034	-$959,756
State U.I.	10,798,154	9,915,859	11,692,417	882,295	-894,263
UCFE	128,548	121,755	131,927	6,793	-3,379
UCX	143,601	122,655	205,715	20,946	-62,114

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KANSAS CITY LABOR MARKET REVIEW

The Kansas City Area includes Jackson, Clay, Cass, Platte and Ray counties in Missouri and Johnson and Wyandotte counties in Kansas. The 1980 population for the Area has been published at 1,327,020 persons by the U.S. Bureau of the Census.

OCTOBER, 1984

FRANCIENA KING, ANALYST

In October 1984, the Area's unemployment rate was unchanged from the previous month's rate of 4.8 per cent. Place-of-residence employment grew by 700 persons while nonagricultural wage and salaried employment fell by 200 over-the-month. Over-the-year, civilian employment by place-of-residence grew by 16,500 persons. The number of jobless persons grew by 200 over-the-month to 33,300, although that number represents 12,100 fewer jobless in the Area compared to October 1983. After declining over the last several months, the civilian labor force grew by 900 persons, primarily as a result of an additional 700 persons finding employment in seasonally-related activity.

Wage and salaried employment in October 1984 was 634,600 persons, down by 200 from the September 1984 total of 634,800 persons. The loss, concentrated in the nonmanufacturing sector, occurred as combined declines in the nonmanufacturing sector, occurred as combined declines in Services and Retail Trade offset the gains produced in State and Local Government and Construction. The loss of 1,900 jobs in Services was concentrated in the recreational related services sector. The loss of 600 jobs in Retail Trade appeared to result from a sluggishness in sales in the period between school purchasing and the onset of holiday shopping. State and Local Government showed a gain of 1,600 jobs as the Area's school systems returned to normal employment levels. The normal losses usually beginning in October in the Construction industry were stalled by the generally mild October weather and continued commercial development activities in the Area. The only other change in nonmanufacturing was a small increase of 200 jobs in Transportation, Communications and Utilities. Employment in manufacturing was up by 200 jobs over-the-month. Among the Durable Goods industries, a small loss in Machinery was offset by small gains in Lumber and Furniture, Fabricated Metals and Motor Vehicles. There were no employment changes among the Nondurable Goods producing sector.

Wage and salaried employment increased by 14,700 jobs from October 1983 to October 1984, with employment gains of 5,700 in Durable Goods manufacturing, 2,100 jobs in Nondurable Goods manufacturing and 9,000 jobs in nonmanufacturing. Construction continued its strong showing over-the-year with 27,800 jobs and showed the largest gain over-the-year with 3,100 additional jobs. Other major gainers in nonmanufacturing were Wholesale Trade with 1,700 additional jobs over-the-year, Finance, Insurance and Real Estate with 1,700 additional jobs, Services with 1,000 more jobs and Government with 1,100 jobs. Within manufacturing, Motor Vehicles made the strongest showing with 1,900 additional jobs. Electrical Equipment in the durable goods sector and Printing and Publishing in the nondurable goods sector combined to add 2,700 jobs to the manufacturing sector. Most of the remaining industries showed moderate growth. Only two industries registered losses over-the-year; Machinery continued to lose strength, with a loss of 600 jobs and Food showed a minor loss.

Total unemployment on a place-of-residence basis was 33,300 in October 1984, for 4.8 per cent of the labor force, compared to 33,100 in September 1984 for 4.8 per cent of the labor force and 45,400 in October 1983 for 6.6 per cent of the labor force.

EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT FORECAST

November 1984 is expected to show little change in the Area's overall unemployment rate. Much of the Area's labor market activity will be concentrated in the nonmanufacturing sector. Retail Trade employment will begin to pick-up to meet the increased demands of holiday shopping. These gains will be offset by the slowing down in Construction activity and the continued losses in Services. Unemployment is expected to be 4.9 per cent of the labor force in November 1984, compared to 4.8 per cent in October 1984 and 6.4 per cent in November 1983.

In December 1984, Retail Trade employment will reach its highest level of the year as consumer spending for the holidays expands. The announced lay-off in manufacturing, primarily in Machinery, due to large, accumulated inventories, combined with the seasonal losses in Construction and Services will reduce the impact of the employment gains on lowering the overall unemployment rate. Unemployment is expected to be 4.9 per cent of the labor force in December 1984 compared to 7.8 per cent in December 1983.

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE INSURED UNEMPLOYED IN THE KANSAS CITY AREA (MISSOURI SIDE ONLY) OCTOBER, 1984

Insured Unemployed by Age and Sex

Age	Male Per Cent	Female Per Cent	Total Per Cent
Under 25	15.5	18.1	16.7
25-34	37.6	33.8	35.9
35-44	23.6	21.0	22.5
45-54	12.7	15.3	13.8
55-64	9.5	10.3	9.8
65 and over	0.6	1.5	1.0
Unreported	0.5	0.0	0.3

Insured Unemployed by Industry (SIC)

Industry	Per Cent
Agriculture	0.3
Mining	0.2
Construction	5.3
Manufacturing	25.1
Transportation, Communications & Utilities	4.0
Wholesale & Retail Trade	21.5
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	3.7
Services	29.9
All Other	9.8
Information not available	0.2

Insured Unemployed by Occupation (DOT)

Occupation	Per Cent
Professional, Technical & Managerial	12.8
Clerical	19.7
Sales	4.8
Services	16.1
Farming, Fishing & Forestry	0.6
Processing	2.1
Machine Trades	7.0
Bench Work	5.0
Structural Work	9.6
Miscellaneous	13.5
Information not available	8.8

The number of insured unemployed counted for the above percentages was 5,446; 3,039 were male and 2,404 were female.

TABLE 1. NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(Place of Work)
(BENCHMARK - March 1983)

Area and State Kansas City, Missouri-Kansas Month and Year of Current Data October, 1984

Item	Number of Jobs			Net Change To Current Month From:	
	Current Mo.	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
I	II	III	IV	V	VI
Total Nonagricultural Wage & Salaried Employment	634,600	634,800	619,900	-200	+14,700
Total Manufacturing	117,200	117,000	111,500	+200	+5,700
Durable Goods	67,500	67,300	63,900	+200	+3,600
Lumber & Furniture	3,000	2,900	2,700	+100	+200
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	3,900	3,900	3,900	0	0
Primary Metal Industries	3,600	3,600	3,300	0	+300
Fabricated Metal Products	9,500	9,400	9,200	+100	+300
Machinery Except Electrical	7,800	7,900	8,400	-100	-600
Electrical Equipment & Supplies	21,700	21,700	20,300	0	+1,400
Transportation Equipment	14,400	14,300	12,500	+100	+1,800
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	(14,200)	(14,100)	(12,300)	(+100)	(+1,900)
Other Durable Goods	3,600	3,600	3,600	0	0
Nondurable Goods	49,700	49,700	47,600	0	+2,100
Food & Kindred Products	9,300	9,300	9,400	0	-100
Apparel & Other Textile Products	2,600	2,600	2,200	0	+400
Paper & Allied Products	5,100	5,100	5,000	0	+100
Printing & Publishing	18,900	18,900	17,600	0	+1,300
Chemicals & Allied Products	8,500	8,500	8,200	0	+300
Petroleum & Coal Products	500	500	500	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	4,800	4,800	4,700	0	+100
Total Nonmanufacturing	517,400	517,800	508,400	-400	+9,000
Mining & Quarrying	600	600	500	0	+100
Construction	27,800	27,500	24,700	+300	+3,100
Transportation & Utilities	50,600	50,400	50,300	+200	+300
Wholesale & Retail Trade	160,800	161,400	159,100	-600	+1,700
Wholesale Trade	(53,000)	(53,000)	(51,300)	(0)	(+1,700)
Retail Trade	(107,800)	(108,400)	(107,800)	(-600)	(0)
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	49,000	49,000	47,300	0	+1,700
Services	138,700	140,600	137,700	-1,900	+1,000
Government	89,900	88,300	88,800	+1,600	+1,100
Federal Government	(23,600)	(23,600)	(23,100)	(0)	(+500)
State & Local Government	(66,300)	(64,700)	(65,700)	(+1,600)	(+600)
In Labor-Management Disputes	100	100	200	0	-100

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TABLE 2. PRODUCTION WORKER AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING

Area and State Kansas City, Missouri-Kansas — Month and Year of Current Data October, 1984

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
TOTAL MANUFACTURING	$434.60	$437.37	$415.95	41.0	41.3	40.7	$10.60	$10.59	$10.22
DURABLE GOODS	461.76	465.86	451.55	40.9	41.3	41.2	11.29	11.28	10.97
Lumber & Furniture	325.62	332.77	315.59	40.2	41.7	39.4	8.10	7.98	8.01
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	492.71	471.24	512.47	41.3	39.7	39.3	11.93	11.87	13.04
Primary Metal Industries	438.45	437.63	415.01	40.9	40.9	39.3	10.72	10.70	10.56
Fabricated Metal Products	376.58	368.92	365.74	40.8	40.1	39.2	9.23	9.20	9.33
Machinery Exc. Electrical	385.88	421.34	406.99	37.5	39.9	39.9	10.29	10.56	10.18
Elect. Equip. & Supplies	456.29	469.63	459.24	41.9	42.5	44.2	10.89	11.05	10.39
Transportation Equipment	603.40	603.08	581.86	41.7	42.5	41.8	14.47	14.19	13.92
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	(606.74)	(606.05)	(590.10)	(41.7)	(42.5)	(42.0)	(14.55)	(14.26)	(14.05)
Other Durable Goods	240.75	243.94	209.22	37.5	37.3	36.9	6.42	6.54	5.67
NONDURABLE GOODS	388.22	386.57	357.20	41.3	41.3	40.0	9.40	9.36	8.93
Food & Kindred Products	415.25	411.20	403.10	42.2	42.7	41.6	9.84	9.63	9.69
Apparel & Other Textile Prod.	188.94	206.91	194.54	33.5	36.3	35.5	5.64	5.70	5.48
Paper & Allied Products	376.26	378.96	351.07	41.9	42.2	41.4	8.98	8.98	8.48
Printing & Publishing	416.23	411.80	384.00	38.9	38.2	38.4	10.70	10.74	10.00
Chemicals & Allied Prod.	491.28	484.37	429.60	46.0	45.1	40.0	10.68	10.74	10.74
Petroleum & Coal Prod.	362.46	396.86	303.85	39.7	41.6	37.1	9.13	9.54	8.19
Other Nondurable Goods	287.05	282.24	265.60	42.4	42.0	41.5	6.77	6.72	6.40

*This series excludes industry 2771.
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ST. LOUIS LABOR MARKET REVIEW

The St. Louis Area includes the City of St. Louis, and St. Louis, St. Charles, Jefferson and Franklin Counties in Missouri; and Clinton, Madison, Monroe and St. Clair Counties in Illinois. The 1980 population for the Area was stated as 2,355,276 persons by the U.S. Bureau of the Census.

OCTOBER, 1984

RUSSELL SIGNORINO, ANALYST

AREA LABOR FORCE DEVELOPMENTS

The unemployment rate for the St. Louis SMSA in October was 7.0%. The September rate was 7.1%. Over the month, the number of unemployed area residents decreased by 1000 and total government decreased by 900. Most of the decrease that has occurred in unemployment since June has been seasonal. Manufacturing employment, which increased 9000 from June 1983 to June 1984, has remained stable for the past 4 months. Very few employment recalls or layoffs have occurred since June 1984. Nonmanufacturing, which increased 20,000 during the June to June period, has grown slightly during the last four months and is responsible for keeping total employment somewhat higher than expected seasonal levels since July. In October 1983, the unemployment rate was 9.1%. Since that time, unemployment has decreased by 22,700 and employment increased by 29800. The civilian labor force has grown by only 6600, or +0.6%. There were 200 labor disputants in October, September and October, 1983.

MANUFACTURING

Manufacturing employment declined by 700 over the month. Aircraft and parts experienced a seasonal decrease of 300. Primary metal declined 200, a continuation of trend begun in August. Over the year, manufacturing employment increased by 5500. A majority of this increase continues to come from motor vehicles which added 4000 workers. Other major gains occurred in fabricated metals (+800), nonelectrical machinery (+700) and aircraft (+700). Declines have occurred in 7 major industries, the larges being in leather (-500).

NONMANUFACTURING

Nonmanufacturing increased by 900 over the month. Seasonal employment gains in public schools caused state and local government employment to increase by 3000. Seasonal employment declines occurred in wholesale trade and services. Construction employment, which normally begins to experience large seasonal decreases in October, declined only

200 this year because of the continued building activity occurring on major local projects. Over the year, nonmanufacturing has added 19600 workers. Trade (+7800), construction (+6500) and government (+1800) registered major gains.

UNEMPLOYMENT AND MANPOWER RESOURCES

State UI continued claimants in the SMSA were down 300 in October from September, 1984. In the Missouri portion of the SMSA they were down 200 and in the Illinois portion they were down 100.

The distribution of weeks claimed by intrastate Missouri resident claimants by industry attachment is as follows:

Industry	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.
INA	0	0	0	0
Agriculture	14	18	14	23
Mining	117	90	107	105
Construction	733	742	734	901
Manufacturing Total	2982	3314	2912	3237
Food	310	261	255	349
Textile	24	23	27	26
Apparel	255	213	213	208
Lumber	60	22	25	29
Furniture	141	91	83	82
Paper	100	121	97	99
Printing	127	147	126	135
Chemicals	164	145	169	199
Petroleum	18	27	37	17
Rubber	110	117	108	115
Leather	334	265	261	312
Stone	42	34	32	74
Primary Metal	227	234	221	186
Fabricated Metal	329	410	342	369
Machinery	75	74	99	80
Electrical Machinery	143	179	206	239
Transportation Equip.	150	582	226	281
Instruments	14	29	18	33
Miscellaneous	356	339	365	399
Public Utilities	745	785	439	561
Wholesale & Retail Tr.	2047	2178	1834	2009
Finance	278	289	284	300
Services	5489	6087	5031	5542
All Other	274	271	217	310
TOTAL	12679	13774	11572	12988

Of the 12,988 intrastate Missouri resident claimants in October, 1984, 54.2 percent were male and 45.8 percent were female.

The occupational distribution of the intrastate Missouri resident claimant is:

Weeks Claimed (Reference Week)

Occupation	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.
Prof., Tech. & Mgr.	1585	1724	1661	1730
Clerical	2061	2102	2075	2213
Sales	543	575	556	636
Farm, Fish & Forest	55	74	61	76
Processing	225	223	246	260
Machine Trades	797	857	816	973
Bench Work	678	683	702	749
Structural Work	841	843	793	1016
Misc. Work	1621	1638	1332	1628
Domestic	65	67	40	66
Other Services	2268	2417	2004	2181
INA	1940	2571	1286	1460
TOTAL	12679	13774	11572	12988

Applications in file and placements made during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1984 are distributed as follows:

	Female	Vets	-22	Minority	HDCP
Apps. in file, %	47.2	15.4	20.9	44.1	2.2
Placements, %	44.6	13.8	34.0	46.8	2.3

AVAILABLE JOB OPPORTUNITIES

The occupational percentage distribution of the openings received and filled during fiscal year 1985 by the Missouri State Employment Service is as follows:

Occupational Group	Openings Received Percent	Openings Filled Percent
Professional, Technical & Managerial	6.7	1.7
Clerical	19.1	13.8
Sales	17.8	26.3
Processing	1.2	1.4
Machine Trades	5.0	5.2
Bench Work	2.9	3.6
Structural Work	5.4	6.0
Motor Freight & Transportation	3.2	2.7
Packaging & Material Handling	9.5	14.0
Domestic	1.1	1.2
Other Services	26.8	23.0
Other Occupations	1.3	1.1

EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT OUTLOOK

The unemployment rate for October is expected to be 7.1% and in December 7.1%.

TABLE 1. NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(Place of Work)

Area and State St. Louis, Mo.-Ill. Met. Area — Month and Year of Current Data October, 1984

Item	Number of Jobs			Net Change to Current Month From:	
	Current Mo.	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
I	II	III	IV	V	VI
Nonagricultural Wage & Salary, Total	1,026,900	1,026,700	1,001,800	+200	+25,100
Percent Change				*	+(2.5)
Manufacturing	222,800	223,500	217,300	-700	+5,500
Durable Goods	140,100	140,300	134,000	-200	+6,100
Lumber & Furniture	4,400	4,400	4,700	0	-300
Stone, Clay & Glass	3,400	3,400	3,600	0	-200
Primary Metal Industries	14,700	14,900	14,400	-200	+300
Fabricated Metal Products	17,500	17,500	16,700	0	+800
Machinery, Except Electrical	18,600	18,500	17,900	+100	+700
Electrical & Electronic Equip.	13,900	13,800	13,500	+100	+400
Transportation Equipment	55,400	55,600	51,000	-200	+4,400
Motor Vehicles	19,100	19,000	15,100	+100	+4,000
Aircraft & Parts	35,200	35,500	34,500	-300	+700
Instruments & Misc. Mfg.	12,200	12,200	12,200	0	0
Nondurable Goods	82,700	83,200	83,300	-500	-600
Food & Kindred Products	21,000	21,000	21,300	0	-300
Meat Products	1,200	1,200	1,300	0	-100
Beverages	8,600	8,600	8,500	0	+100
Textiles & Apparel	6,800	6,900	7,100	-100	-300
Paper & Paper Products	5,700	5,700	5,800	0	-100
Printing & Publishing	15,500	15,700	15,100	-200	+400
Chemical & Allied Products	20,600	20,700	20,300	-100	+300
Petroleum & Coal Products	2,600	2,600	2,600	0	0
Leather & Leather Products	5,400	5,400	5,900	0	-500
Other Nondurable Goods	5,100	5,200	5,200	-100	-100
Nonmanufacturing	804,100	803,200	784,500	+900	+19,600
Mining	3,800	3,900	3,400	-100	+400
Construction	53,600	53,800	47,100	-200	+6,500
Transportation & Public Utilities	72,600	72,900	71,400	-300	+1,200
Railroads	7,600	7,700	7,500	-100	+100
Transportation, Except Railroads	37,000	37,400	36,300	-400	+700
Communications & Public Utilities	28,000	27,800	27,600	+200	+400
Wholesale & Retail Trade	238,700	239,300	230,900	-600	+7,800
Wholesale Trade	62,400	63,100	60,900	-700	+1,500
Retail Trade	176,300	176,200	170,000	+100	+6,300
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	59,800	59,800	59,100	0	+700
Service, Except Domestic	236,100	236,800	234,900	-700	+1,200
Total Government	139,500	136,700	137,700	+2,800	+1,800
Total Federal Government	37,900	38,100	37,300	-200	+600
Total State & Local Government	101,600	98,600	100,400	+3,000	+1,200
Persons Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	200	200	200	0	0

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TABLE 2. AVERAGE HOURS & EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION AND RELATED WORKERS IN MANUFACTURING

Area and State St. Louis Metropolitan Area — Month and Year of Current Data October, 1984

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Current Mo.	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Mo.	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Mo.	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
TOTAL MANUFACTURING	$444.44	$440.36	$415.55	40.7	40.4	40.7	10.92	10.90	10.21
DURABLE GOODS	461.85	454.72	432.60	41.2	40.6	41.2	11.21	11.20	10.50
Lumber & Furniture	357.33	353.96	319.55	43.0	42.8	40.5	8.31	8.27	7.89
Stone, Clay & Glass	398.82	396.93	409.46	39.1	39.3	39.6	10.20	10.10	10.34
Primary Metal Industries	425.71	429.41	444.80	36.2	37.9	40.0	11.76	11.33	11.12
Fabricated Metal Products	404.29	407.25	409.76	39.1	39.5	41.6	10.34	10.31	9.85
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	456.23	444.29	422.30	41.4	40.5	41.2	11.02	10.97	10.25
Elect. & Electronic Equip.	322.09	300.80	294.33	38.9	37.6	40.1	8.28	8.00	7.34
Transportation Equipment	598.78	591.30	543.58	45.5	43.8	42.6	13.16	13.50	12.76
Instruments & Misc. Mfg.	286.46	274.16	299.41	37.3	37.2	39.5	7.68	7.37	7.58
NONDURABLE GOODS	413.28	414.16	388.40	39.7	39.9	40.0	10.41	10.38	9.71
Food & Kindred Products	516.19	522.49	452.19	41.0	41.5	42.3	12.59	12.59	10.69
Textiles & Apparel	202.07	202.40	202.56	34.9	35.2	35.6	5.79	5.75	5.69
Paper & Paper Products	432.23	429.70	416.08	42.5	41.8	42.5	10.17	10.28	9.79
Printing & Publishing	412.03	410.22	402.50	38.4	38.7	37.2	10.73	10.60	10.82
Chemicals & Allied Prods.	466.05	467.58	436.71	41.5	41.6	40.7	11.23	11.24	10.73
Petroleum & Coal Products	587.02	590.10	617.81	41.9	42.0	43.6	14.01	14.05	14.17
Leather & Leather Products	194.04	198.92	204.09	35.8	36.3	38.8	5.42	5.48	5.26
Other Nondurable Goods	310.42	308.00	305.31	39.9	40.0	40.6	7.78	7.70	7.52

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AREA LABOR FORCE DEVELOPMENTS

The Springfield SMSA labor force expanded by 200 from 115,800 in September to 116,000 in October. The area unemployment rate dropped two-tenths of a percentage point to 4.5 percent, the lowest since December, 1979. The estimated number of persons unemployed stands at 5,300 in October, down 100 from a month earlier.

During October, 1983, there were 7,300 workers unemployed and the rate of unemployment stood at 6.3 percent of the labor force.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT

Total payrolled employment rose 500 from 93,700 in September to 94,200 in October. This is the net result of a 200 drop in manufacturing jobs and a 600 gain in nonmanufacturing employment. Most of the jump in nonmanufacturing employment occurred at state and local educational institutions and includes a significant amount of student labor.

Since October 1983, payrolled jobs show an increase of 2,000. Manufacturing and nonmanufacturing industries recorded gains of 600 and 1,400 respectively. Construction, trade and state and local government recorded the most significant employment gains in the nonmanufacturing group during the 12 month period.

HOURS AND EARNINGS

Average hourly earnings of manufacturing and related workers rose one cent from September to reach $8.23 in October. The average factory workweek slipped from 40.8 hours in September to 38.4 in October. This drop could be due to a leveling economy and serve as a forerunner to lay-offs in the manufacturing sector in future months.

EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT OUTLOOK

Payrolled employment is expected to remain near the current level during November. Lay-offs in manufacturing totaling about 300 will probably be off-set by seasonal hiring in retail trade as the Christmas season gets into full swing.

A seasonal uptrend in the rate of unemployment will start in November and continue into the late winter months. An increase of at least three-tenths of a percentage point in November seems likely.

TABLE 1. NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(Place of Work)
(BENCHMARK- March, 1983)

Area and State: Springfield, Missouri — Month and Year of Current Data: October, 1984

Item	Number of Jobs			Net Change To Current Month From:	
	Current Mo.	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
I	II	III	IV	V	VI
Total Nonag. Wage & Salary Employment (Exc. Domestics)	94,200	93,700	92,200	+500	+2,000
Manufacturing	19,700	19,800	19,100	-100	+600
Durable Goods	10,500	10,600	9,900	-100	+600
Lumber & Wood (Inc. Furn.)	900	900	800	0	+100
Other Durable Goods	9,600	9,700	9,100	-100	+500
Nondurable Goods	9,200	9,200	9,200	0	0
Food Processing	3,900	3,900	4,000	0	-100
Printing & Publishing	1,600	1,600	1,500	0	+100
Other Nondurable Goods	3,700	3,700	3,700	0	0
Nonmanufacturing	74,500	73,900	73,100	+600	+1,400
Mining	100	100	100	0	0
Construction	3,700	3,700	3,400	0	+300
Transportation & Utilities	6,000	6,000	6,000	0	0
Trade	26,400	26,400	25,700	0	+700
Finane, Insurance & Real Estate	3,900	3,800	3,800	+100	+100
Services	22,300	22,300	22,300	0	0
Government	12,100	11,600	11,800	+500	+300
Federal	1,600	1,600	1,600	0	0
State and Local	10,500	10,000	10,200	+500	+300
Persons Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	0	0	0	0	0

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TABLE 2. GROSS AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS FOR PRODUCTION AND RELATED WORKERS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

Area and State Springfield, Missouri — Month and Year of Current Data October, 1984

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	X
Manufacturing	$316.03	$335.38	$324.72	38.4	40.8	39.6	$8.23	$8.22	$8.20
Durable Goods	312.84	336.97	316.40	39.4	42.6	39.5	7.94	7.91	8.01
Nondurable Goods	321.40	333.49	335.47	36.9	38.2	39.7	8.71	8.73	8.45
Food & Kindred Products	366.95	364.72	389.45	39.5	40.3	42.8	9.29	9.05	9.10
Other Nondurable Goods	297.13	315.98	306.28	35.5	37.0	38.0	8.37	8.54	8.06

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